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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1902.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the president's eldest son, is very seriously ill with pneumonia at Groton, Mass. The president is with him at the present time. The case is a serious one but there seems a good chance for his recovery.

Chinese New Year is now being celebrated by the Celestials. At this season, the Chinaman opens his heart in generosity, forgives his enemies and takes a new start in life. Joyfulness and goodwill prevail and they often celebrate for several weeks.

Governor Crane of Massachusetts recommends a state board to edit and revise all official reports and documents before publication, in order to cut down verbiage, reduce expense and make the documents more popular. It is a well known fact that large sums, both state and federal, are being expended on useless or unnecessarily prolix reports.

One of the most frequent comments made at recent international exhibitions is that depicting the fact that the beautiful examples of architecture are only temporary in character, being destroyed after the exhibitions are over. The plan for the improvement of Washington will give permanence to the finest architectural triumphs in the world.

The rains of the past week have been a welcome change, not alone to miners, but to men in all business pursuits in southern Oregon. The placer industry was practically at a stand still, but now there is water in abundance for every one. Even the "dry gulch" miners have plenty of water now and should be improving every minute of the time while it lasts. The amount of gold taken from the placers figures considerably in making up the country's prosperity. The present winter has been unusually dry, but it is wet enough now and there is time yet for a good run before spring.

St. Valentine would doubtless have been shocked could he have known, while he lived, what things would some time be done in his name. If he could see the malicious, so called "comic" valentines of the present day, his soul would doubtless be filled with sorrow that his name was connected with such productions. It is pleasant to observe that the use of the comic valentine seems to be on the wane. There is no mirth in them. They are malicious and splanetic productions, which were probably originally intended to be funny but this quality has long since faded out. Every one who receives a comic valentine should have the strength of mind to put in the stove without looking at it and so defeat its object.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in the United States senate providing for a reduction of tariff rates on Philippine imports. The bill proposes a reduction of 50 per cent of the Hingley rates. Senator Foraker proposed an amendment, a more radical measure, to cut the rate to 25 per cent. While it seems improbable that Foraker's amendment will carry, it will receive support sufficient to assist the passage of Mitchell's original bill by way of compromise. Our island possessions have raised a new tariff problem which our legislators are endeavoring to solve. The advocates of tariff concessions seem to be prevailing over those who wish the old rates to continue. Tariff concessions to Cuba will probably be instituted also.

Local Institute. Teachers local institute held in High School building, Sat., Feb. 8, 1902, called to order by Supt. Savage. Dora Colvig appointed secretary. Opened by singing. Miss Florence Akin opened the discussion taking for her subject Pictures and their value in Primary work. Miss Akin presented a very interesting and suggestive paper.

Mrs. G. A. Savage presented the subject of reading in multiple schools. Good paper ect. After recess Miss Caroline Heslin put forth her views on writing in a very able manner. Copy books from the different grades were distributed among the teachers, showing the actual work being done in our schools.

Miss Nora Sydow read a most excellent paper on Civil government showing the necessity and practical use of that study in our schools. Miss Sutton told us of the value of school exercises. Her paper was endowed with many good thoughts and suggestive ideas. Physiology was then taken up and discussed by Miss Myrtle Kenschaw.

Miss Lillian Hogan presented the subject of Geography in 3rd and 4th grades. Good paper. Grammar graded lessons, by Miss Stella Paddock. Good paper, good points. Teachers present: Misses. Minnie Tuffs, Adella Godwin, Nora Sydow, Mary Sutton, Edna Harvey, Mary Day, Caroline Heslin, Florence Akin, Alice Smith, Lillian Hogan, Dora Colvig, Maggie Chiles, Stella Paddock, Mary Griffith, Lillian Pence, Olive Owens, Mrs. Ruse, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Savage, Egbert Robbin, Mrs. F. E. Young, Supt. Savage.

Visitors present: Rev. J. W. McDougal, Rev. Chas. W. Hayes, Mrs. Davis, Misses Fannie and Madge Markshall, Ethel Hendee, Gussie Parker, Myrtle Utley, Gertrude McCallister, Nellie Frier, Ross Gano and Doris Tallmon. Kirkman Robinson, James Robinson, and Carl Marvin, in remarks by Supt. Adjourned.

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To Mrs. E. B. Winch. (Written by Esther P. Terrell and presented to Elizabeth B. Winch, upon her 81st birthday.) We're thankful thou art spared to brighten earth, Which is so needy of the Christian's toil, and prayer, And to thy friends,—who value thy true worth, And in thy sweet companionship, have share. The tread of saintly feet upon our streets, Has weight to conquer sin, and prove the right, The steadfast faith, and perfect trust, one meets Bespeaks inheritance with saints in light. Then linger long, dear friend, we humbly pray, Ere thou dost leave earth's evening horizon, For the pure light of the Eternal day, Which has no evening shade or setting sun. And where no "Mile Stones" of the years appear, Or "Sundial," or "Hour-glass" are ever known To bring a thought of sorrow, or the slightest fear Of parting, from the loved ones round the throne. Stops The Cough and Works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure cold in one day. No cure, No Pay. Price 75 cents.

Clearance Sale To make room for our Spring Stock we will, during the next 30 days place on sale at A Great Reduction All our Winter Goods, consisting of Ladies' Capes and Jackets, Dressing Jackets, Dressing Sacks, Knit Skirts, Waists in Silk and Flannel, Fascinators and Shawls, Flannelettes Wrappers, Ladies', Children's and Men's Mackintoshes, Etc.

E. C. Dixon. Shoes and Furnishing Goods.

BORN. COWAN—At Williams, February 2, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cowan, a son. BIRDSEY—Near Woodville, February 3, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Birdsey, a son. HATCH—In Ashland, Feb. 7, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hatch, a son. WILLIAMS—In Ashland, Feb. 8, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Williams, a daughter. WORTMAN—In Medford, Jan. 31, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wortman, a son. DIED. CARAD—In this city, February 2, 1902, Clarence Carad, aged nine years. MARION—Near Holland, Feb. 7, 1902, Mable L. infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Marion, aged 4 months and 12 days. The sorrowing young parents have the sincere sympathy of the community in their hour of sorrow. FULLER—At Tolo, Feb. 2, 1902, Geo. Fuller, son of Mrs. Wm. Stockham, aged 18 years. LOOSLEY—In Jacksonville, Feb. 8, 1902, Nellie E. eldest daughter of Mrs. Philip and the late Nancy Loosley. MANN—At Central Point, Jan. 31, 1902, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mann. VAN HARDENBURG—Near Central Point, Feb. 7, 1902, Joseph Van Hardenburg. Mail Contracts. The Postoffice Department at Washington has awarded contracts for carrying mails on the several star routes in Oregon. The following are the routes and awards for the Josephine routes:

Walked into a Well. Monday night was rainy and very dark, which is responsible for a peculiar and unpleasant experience by Zera Pool early on that evening. While traversing a portion of the west part of town, he left the accustomed path to avoid the numerous stretches of mud and water, and walked right into an open well. With his 70 day clothes on, too. The well was about 12 feet deep and brim full of water. Zera grasped some old planking as he took the plunge and saved himself from a hazardous descent than his neck. He extricated himself quickly and without serious contusion and sought a change of clothes.

'Little Hatchet' Social. Don't fail to attend the Little Hatchet social at Old Fellows Hall Friday evening, February 21st. McDougal. The members of Bethany C. E. society will be dressed in the style in vogue in the days of George Washington. Every one attending the social will receive a souvenir hatchet. The program is as yet a secret, but it is safe to predict that it will contain some amusing surprises. The price of admission is 25 cents. Refreshments will be served. W. C. T. U. Social. The W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment at the Woodman hall, Monday evening, February 17 and will read the following program: Opening Song... America Prayer... Rev. Leslie Song... L. T. L. Children Recitation... Seymour Marvin Address, subject "Francis Willard" Recitation... Agnes George Song... Ethel Hendee Recitation... Zena Chapman Song... Mr. and Mrs. Young Recitation... Miss Cunningham Closing Prayer. Refreshments. Admission 10c. Every body invited.

Silver on Myrtle Creek. W. T. Cope brought in from Myrtle creek last week some samples of the metal which occurs in nuggets in the placers of that stream. On analysis, it was found that the metal was silver, the nuggets carrying also a small percentage of gold. It is said that the miners of Myrtle creek have been in the habit of throwing away this metal in ignorance of its value. It has been reported that the metal was worth \$8 per ounce. As pure silver is worth about 60 cents per ounce it is seen that this must be a remarkably good kind. Mr. Cope explains, however, that the amount of gold contained is sufficient to make the value. Blackwell Mines. H. M. White is developing the Blackwell, the quartz mine recently purchased by him in the Humboldt district. The quartz carries good values in free gold. The owners have purchased a mill which will be installed soon. Crystal Spring Mining Co. A recent incorporation is the Crystal Spring Mining Co., of Grants Pass. H. A. Reed, C. C. Daniels and E. H. March are the incorporators; capitalization, \$20,000. Whiskey Creek Placer. Col. C. R. Paris of Santa Ana, Colo., has recently purchased a lot of placer claims on Whiskey creek, below Mt. Reuben, from George Smith. The mine has a new ditch and a partial hydraulic equipment. Meredith Mine. B. E. Meredith of the Wilson-Meredith mine on the Illinois, spent several days in town last week. Notwithstanding the abnormal dryness which the winter has presented until the past week, the mine has been running most of the time with one giant. Immediately after the first rains they put two more to work and the mine has since been running with three giants.

Deep Gravel Mine. The Wimer mine of Waldo, the "Deep Gravel" has been working for several weeks with the new grizzly, rinning night and day. The owners intend to run three giants as soon as they get the ground in proper shape. Sale of Lucky Queen. The Lucky Queen mine on Jump-off Joe, owned by Corlies & Ruhl, was sold recently by Mackay & Crane, who have been developing it, to A. A. Dornby of Spokane, who will fit it up for business. The Lucky Queen is an old property, worked many years ago and abandoned. It was managed according to old time ideas. A quartz mill was erected on a bunch of rich rock which was soon exhausted, and the mine was abandoned. Judicious development has shown the existence of rich, permanent ore bodies. Cinnabar Discovery. W. H. Jackson, Charlie Baker and J. H. Ray have recently returned from a several weeks' prospecting tour in the Elk creek district. During their absence they located twenty cinnabar claims between Elk and Trail creeks. Where discovery was made, the ledge is fifty feet wide while across the river from the discovery it is from 300 to 500 feet in width, and its length, as far as the locality has been prospected, is from a quarter to half a mile. The ledge material is very heavy and conservative estimates have placed the amount of quicksilver in contents at five per cent, which is way above the average of cinnabar mines. Men are now at work making excavations and running a tunnel. The mine is about twenty-seven miles from Medford.—Mail. Sues for \$50,000. Edward W. Riddle, of Riddle, Douglas county, has commenced a suit for \$50,000 damages against the S. P. Railroad company for injuries received while in the employ of the company as a locomotive fireman in an accident which occurred near Roseburg a year ago in which two freight trains crashed together head on. Fireman Riddle was badly injured and suffered as a result the loss of one leg and serious and permanent disability of one arm. According to the complaint, the railway company is held to be negligent in that it failed to give any telegraphic notice of the movements of the northbound train after it left Riddle, 28 miles south of Roseburg, although there are three or four intervening stations, and the collision occurred less than two miles south of Roseburg. James A. Bennett of the Dalles and A. M. Crawford of Roseburg are Riddle's attorneys.

Damage to Ditches. The heavy rain did some damage to the ditches of a number of the placer mines. The Hampton ditch on Gravel creek is damaged to an extent that it will require 50 men a month to repair. Joe Connor's ditch on Red Dog and Briggs creek is said to be badly damaged, a slide at the end of the ditch carrying pipe line and bulk-head into the ditches. Merlin Notes. Valentines are going fast at the McConnell cash store. Meals 25 cents at the Cottage hotel, Mr. William Foxers, proprietor. Anyone wishing onion sets will find a good supply at McConnell's store. Call early if you want them. The state lecturer of the Knights of the Maccabees will be at Merlin Feb. 14, and will talk to the members of that order the same evening. No one need complain of not finding work to do in Merlin, now. All who wish work are employed repairing the railroad track and bridge that were swept away Sunday. Mr. Abell tells "Night Hawk" he has garden fence for sale cheap, to be delivered at various places along Lons creek, not more than one piece guaranteed to be delivered in a place. The high waters of Sunday did considerable damage to Merlin property, carrying away fences, washing away gardens, etc. The railroad bridge across Lons creek was also carried away, causing considerable delay of trains. Prof. J. P. McConnell is at Grants Pass this week assisting County School Superintendent Lincoln Savage in giving examinations. The school will have a week's vacation this week, during the absence of Prof. McConnell at Grants Pass. Mr. D. W. Mitchell also has some fence that can be found at various places below Merlin. The store and residence of Mr. Mitchell were completely surrounded by the rushing water, which reached almost to the door sills of the house. Don't forget the school entertainment the evening of the 21st at McConnell's hall. The proceeds are to be used to purchase a flag for the school. All ladies of Merlin and vicinity are invited to bring a cake, which will be sold during the evening to the highest bidder. Livies are requested to place their names with the cake brought. Coffee will be served during the evening. Come every body and have a good time; there will be a short literary program read and during the evening. MERLIN NIGHT HAWK. Hugo Items. Lites: Saturday night. Sunday school every Sunday. Mr. Purdy's baby has been quite ill. Mrs. McCormick visited Merlin Thursday. Breadful storm—impossible to go any place or accomplish any work. Owing to so many wrecks at Higo, the S. P. Co. has put on an extra gang of section men and track walkers. There will be a mask ball at William Parley's, of Higo, on February 21. Tickets 50 cents. Good music and a fine time anticipated. All come and bring what they intend to eat. Every one makes their own costume. Now is your time for fun. "Bob" and "Night Hawk," "Dick" will endeavor to make his feet as soft and limber as his brain, especially if Bob's best girl represents Queen of Hearts. Dick. Leland Siftings. The roads are in a good condition; that is, they are good and muddy. G. W. Chapin says he is not a candidate for U. S. senator but knows a man who is. Leland wants to entertain Prince Henry while he is sojourning in America. This is rather hard weather on wood cutters as their work calls for dry weather. A range is badly needed here and some of the citizens are talking of organizing. Oscar Munkers is driving J. C. Lewis' coach. His liverly will be here in a short time. Uncle Billy Cox will leave in a short time for Applegate, to represent his quartz ledge there. Kinney, of Kinneyville, is hauling a large quantity of goods from Leland. He has a well stocked store. We are contemplating the organization of a stock exchange and are thinking of discharging our weather prophets. A good recipe for the caracine; sprinkle with talcum. Perhaps some of the Deer creek cutters had better try it. Lewis is washing off a large amount of ground. His facilities for mining are great. Plenty of pressure and also plenty of water. We have no news to write concerning the quartz mines, only that work on them is being pushed to the best of the ability of the owners. In the weather bureau they keep back cats to tell when it will rain by the electricity in their fur. We have a surge way and less expensive. Our people are all healthy. Every body is busy and also ready for this season. With Kinney's supply store handy, we would be hungry. Our rain is so gentle and warm that stock are getting their own living on the range, needing no feed as yet. If we should have a late, cold spring, we have a feed for our stock. The correspondent of the East Side back says they have the best climate in Oregon. If he was here, he would change his mind. We have had only a few frosts this winter. One could go in shirt sleeves nearly every day. We are having a nice gentle rain, plenty of water for the miners. They are all happy and smiling. The store keepers also have a broad smile from ear to ear. The rain has come so gently that it has soaked the ground thoroughly. We have some weather prophets in our midst but they are from one to three months off their base. The wood train has been in the Roseburg district for some time, moving wood to that locality. They have taken very little wood from this branch this winter. The wood contractors here are cutting more wood this winter than they did last. If the railroad company

don't get a move on themselves and take the wood away it will be a repetition of last summer; no pling ground and teams and men lying idle. Kinneyville News. Two members of Wm. Cox arrived here last week and, owing to the interesting appearance of our city, propose to remain. We wonder why Harry Kenny goes over the mountain every Sunday? There must be a shining light on the other side. Times are bustling around Kinneyville. Our genial cook is beginning to discredit the rumors of there being many spare windows in this vicinity. He says he would like to see a few of them. Wilderville Items. Mud and water every where. Valentines at J. C. K. M. Cann's. Come and get your choice. Mr. Savage, our teacher at Wilderville, is in town this week. There was no Sunday school or Epworth League Sunday on account of rain. Miss Myrtle Renshaw is teaching the Wilderville school during Mr. Savage's absence. School, this week, is pretty well attended, considering the rain, as there are about 20 in steady attendance. Mr. McCann has quite a stock of shoes; all kinds and most all sizes. Come and see them and get a pair. The crows were so high Sunday, that the stage could go only about two miles beyond Wilderville as the McClung creek was past flowing. S. E. and J. B. Robinson had the misfortune of having a large oak tree uproot and fall across their granary and doing a little damage to the wood shed; no grain damaged. Mrs. Wells and little boy took the stage for Grants Pass last Friday to go to Medford on the 10 o'clock train the same evening. She intended to go a rlier in the week but could not on account of the rain. We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Casbolt, who died one day last week. He was at his son's, who lives near Rogue river. Our sympathies go out to the grieving wife and children. We have not heard the cause of his death. ZASOT. Items From Greenback. Charlie Wright was absent a few days taking a little rest. Mr. Headch has gone to San Francisco for recreation. Mr. J. B. Thompson and son made a trip to Grants Pass on business. Mr. Wallace's baby was quite sick for several days but is better at present. Dick Vest has gone to Myrtle creek and will visit Grants Pass before returning. Nearly every day we see strangers on our streets, visiting the great Greenback mine. There will be a ball at Placer, Friday evening February 14. Every one anticipates a fine time. Mrs. J. H. Mulkey, of Myrtle creek, aunt of Bert Fawcett, came on February 1st for a visit with her family. Lester Briggs and Hal Hasty returned on Saturday from Grants Pass where they had been for a few days. Mr. Frank Kyle, former shift boss of the Greenback mine, is here for a few days. He has interests in mining property near here. On the evening of February 21 there will be a grand ball at Greenback hall, as Washington's birthday came on Saturday it was thought best to have the ball on the 21st. Mrs. Paul Scharington, of Placer, has had a relapse and is very ill. On Saturday at 2 o'clock a phone message called Mr. Scharington home from his work here, saying she was very ill. The weather is delightful for the placer miners as it has rained for a week, and for twenty-four hours has been a continual downpour and still is pouring, and is much warmer than it has been for some time. We Oregonians rather enjoy the rain if it stays warm. A week ago the ground was covered with snow but now not a flake can be seen, for which we give thanks. Saturday Mr. St. Ross, of Portland, the organizer of the Maccabees, was here in the interest of the badge at Placer. All the Maccabees that could get away, went to Placer Saturday night to hear Mr. Sherwood talk on the advantages of being a Maccabee. They must have had a delightful time going and coming as it poured rain all night, but were rewarded by a beautiful early morn. The ladies here feel sorry for their sisters in Grants Pass that they cannot enjoy the outdoor sports they have here. When there is snow on the ground they have fine times coasting. When the snow is gone they can ride the horses for exercise, but one of the ladies is not fond of burro riding as they lift their hind feet too suddenly sometimes for the rider to remain seated. One day last week Link Ellis' old gray mare came tearing out of the wilderness with a load of wood behind her. They haul wood on sleds with four horses. They were going a little too fast. He called "whoa!" As the wheels slackened their pace the sled ran on to them which frightened them and they gave a lunge forward into the stretchers, frightening the leaders. They did not stop to have things explained, but started down the hill at an unknown rate of speed. Mr. Ellis holding the lines and trying to hold the load of wood on but they were to swift for him, throwing him off, landing on his back on a stump. His thumb was broken; he was considerably shaken up; an not sure whether it touched his ribs or not, but the stump was driven into the ground several inches from the blow. Mr. Ellis is able to be around but is nursing his thumb in a careful manner. Advertisd Letter List. Following is the list of letters remaining unmailed for in the Grants Pass post-office, Saturday, Feb. 8, 1902: LONES. Woods, Mrs C E S, Williams, Adella E, GENTLEMAN. Adams, L W, Clements, M E, Dewald, Dan, ten, Johnson, J B, four, Jones, Chas, Klase, F J, Kaue, Editor F. E. VOORHIES, P. M.

I Buy Anything THAT YOU HAVE TO SELL AND THAT SOMEONE ELSE MAY WANT You may have some articles among your possessions that you have no use for and never will have use for—why not convert them into cash. I pay you cash for these. If you are going to move away let me buy your household goods—I will give you good prices. Sewing Machines for rent and for sale. Cash paid for Cast Iron. Ike M. Davis, Front St. Second-Hand Store. Goods Sold on the Installment Plan

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